

Cairo Hotel
1615 Q Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-307

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STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
District of Columbia		Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
Cairo Hotel		DC-307
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
615 Q Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1894	Thomas F. Schneider	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
The tallest private building in the city, its 165' height led to the imposition of height restrictions in 1910. Exhibits interesting use of Eastern/Art Nouveau decorative motifs.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
Eastern/Art Nouveau motifs		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Brick with stone trim		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
11 bays by 6 bays; 12 stories; flat roof; polygonal bays; 165' tall		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
Flat roof originally had roof garden; wide overhanging metal cornice; rusticated stone facing on first 3 floors and entrance; massive entrance arch of Romanesque character; decorative balconies; stone belt courses; low-relief arabesque detail in the "East Indian" manner; "The Cairo" in Art Nouveau style lettering above entrance		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
1973-74: Remodeled as apartments. Arthur Cotton Moore, architect.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u>		
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